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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:  
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Appln. No.: 10 010,696

Group Art Unit 2811  
Examiner: Vu, Quang D.  
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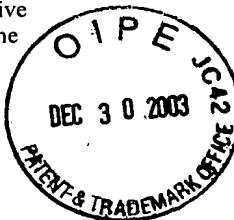
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Filed: December 5, 2001  
Title: Multilevel Metal Interconnect with Capacitive Structures that Adjust the Capacitance of The Interconnect (as amended)

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Date: December 30, 2003

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114**

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).**

**Reply to any outstanding action and Rule 17(e) filing fee must be enclosed**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please  enter  do not enter the Amendment filed \_\_\_\_\_
2.  The enclosed Amendment.
3.  The Extension of Time (in duplicate).
4.  Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_\_\_ and reply brief filed \_\_\_\_\_
5.  The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
6.  The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement.
7.  The Enclosed Non-Publish Request.
8.  Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of months (3 mos. Max) for which the required \$130 fee is enclosed
9.  A check in the amount of \$880 is enclosed of which \$770 is the required RCE filing fee, \$110 for a One Month Extension of Time (with copy) and (Postcard, fee transmittal (with copy) are also attached.)

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO ADVISORY  
ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 12, 2003 AND  
FINAL REJECTION MAILED JULY 2, 2003

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed December 12, 2003 and the Final Rejection mailed July 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified applications as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** which begin on page 11 of this paper.

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO  
ADVISORY ACTION DATED DECEMBER 12, 2003  
AND FINAL REJECTION DATED JULY 2, 2003

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